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Elementary School in Papillion are guests here today, along with their teachers. (Introduced teachers.) Could you all please stand and be recognized, please. Sure, you all agree with me after seeing them, that they're the best in the state. With that, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this next few hours or days, whatever, it's going to be...I'm not sure what adjective I should use, trying on all of us. There are things being said about other bills that are not before us that I would not concur in what I heard, if I heard correctly. In the case of schools, and this has nothing to do with this amendment at the moment, but I would imagine what you will find on a statewide basis is, and obviously this isn't written yet, but I would anticipate that you will find levy for school purpose between...to be between 90 cents and \$1.10 under the legislation, unless changed by statute, the levy limits. And the difference whether you're at 90 or \$1.10 will be a matter of equalization formula, not the same formula we have now, admittedly. But the concept, I believe, would be the same. As the bill now stands, the one that deals with limit of expenditures, it's for two years. After two years there are no limits other than the levy limit. Now there will be legislation or amendments later on, on the appropriate bill, that will change that, but the facts are that as things now stand that kind of a limitation on expenditure is only for those two years, which is the interim period before 1114 takes effect and that period of time in which all the unforeseen consequences can be looked at and resolved, none of which will happen until something is actually passed, so people know it's going to happen. I want to talk back to the amendment, though. Before we repeatedly pointed out 1176 is one way, I can think of other ways that might also happen. One of the most frequent complaints I hear is the level of taxation that Nebraska has on motor vehicles, particularly from people who move into the state. Or I read about where individuals title their vehicle outside the state if they can, or in a different county if they can, which will make it a lower rate. One thing will happen out of this, or at least will be permitted to happen would be a uniform rate for the same vehicle, no matter where you were located in the state. There's another concept that has not ever been introduced but one that could be devised and that would be something comparable to what we think about centrally assessed property, which in effect you have a uniform rate that could be